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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Report of Staff Visit (23-27 October 1966)

1. [REDACTED] 25X1A
performed staff visits to the following activities on the
dates indicated:

a. 24 October 1966:

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(1) Project Fuels Representative [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Beale AFB, California.

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(2) SR-71 Maintenance Activities and Office
of the DCM, Beale AFB, California.

b. 25 October 1966:

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Detachment "G", Edwards AFB, California.

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c. 26 October 1966:

[REDACTED]
(2) Lockheed, Van Nuys, California.

d. 27 October 1966:

Lockheed, Burbank, California.

2. Highlights of discussions held at the above activities
are noted below:

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a. Beale AFB, California:

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(1) Meeting was held with [redacted] and his personnel. Items discussed were:

- (a) Current status of the SAC hydrant refueling construction program.
- (b) POL testing and sampling procedures.
- (c) Adequacy of personnel assignments.
- (d) Adequacy of base storage facilities for bulk fuel (PF-1) and actual observation of tank car unloadings.
- (e) Adequacy of liaison between Project POL personnel and Host Base personnel (i.e., Refueling Tanker Squadron, DCM and Maintenance Activities).

(2) All the above, except for late delivery of aluminum pipe and pumps for the SAC refueling system, were satisfactory. Discussions with AFRDR personnel later in the day and with the Base Civil Engineer representative disclosed that the delivery problems had been overcome and Headquarters assistance was not required.

(3) Courtesy calls were made to the Office of the DCM, primarily to establish rapport on items of mutual concern to both programs. It was noted that the DCM (Colonel O. Waters) did not possess an OXCART clearance, although subordinates in his activities did. This office has recommended to AFRDR that he be appropriately briefed.

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(4) It was noted that the SR-71 materiel activities (i.e., maintenance and supply) have undergone considerable turn-over of personnel. Losses have been in support of USAF Southeast Asia requirements. Incoming personnel are fresh to the SR-71 program and from such SAC Bases as Davis-Monthan AFB and elsewhere. Although the overall manning authorization for these SR-71 organizations is ample, the constant turn-over of "Blue Suiters" is creating a significant training problem.

(5) Prime maintenance problems with the SR-71 vehicle continued to be in fuel tank leaks. An adequate sealant has not been developed, although Lockheed is expecting a break-through in this area in two or three months.

b. Edwards AFB, California:

(1) Lt. Col. Doyle, Commander, Detachment "G" presented an agenda of items for discussion. Purpose of the conference was identified as: "To discuss the construction of required facilities and the support to be rendered by the WRSP-IV prior to and during the "R" model flight test program conducted by the Lockheed California Company".

(2) In addition to Detachment "G" and Headquarters Representatives, [redacted] and Mr. W. Bassett (Base Civil Engineer) participated in the facilities discussions. [redacted] and [redacted] of Lockheed were also in attendance.

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(3) Subjects Discussed:

- (a) Modification of Hangar 3 (Building T-4305).
- (b) Additional modification or construction of facilities to support the flight test program.
- (c) Extent of support to be provided by LAC or by WRSP-IV on the following:
 - 1. Aerospace Ground Equipment
 - 2. Vehicles
 - 3. Supply Support (recoverable and non-recoverable equipment).
 - 4. Avionics Test Equipment (other test equipment).
 - 5. Personal Equipment
 - 6. Emergency Equipment (fire trucks, ambulance, etc.)
 - 7. POL
 - 8. Vehicle Maintenance
 - 9. Communications - Signal Center
 - 10. Medical Facilities
 - 11. Photographic Processing
 - 12. Operational Requirements
 - a. Clearances
 - b. Flight Planning
 - 13. Security
 - 14. Food Service

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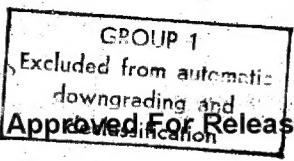
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(4) [redacted] presented blueprints and cost estimates for the modifications and/or construction aspects of the Detachment facilities. Each requirement was explored in considerable detail and interfaced with the Lockheed flight test program needs. These data were furnished to the Headquarters Representatives for further review actions by this Headquarters.

(5) Agreement was reached on the support to be provided by Lockheed or by the Detachment on the items noted in the preceding paragraphs. These will be formalized into a written agreement by the Detachment. Although some items will have to be NRO resolved at a later date, a satisfactory overall meeting of minds was achieved and all participants 25X1A appeared to be "on-frequency" with the forthcoming program.



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d. Lockheed, Van Nuys, California:

Discussions were held with [redacted] on progress/status of tasks assigned his facility. The following subjects were mentioned:

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- IRAN schedules (Articles)
- Shipment of items to Detachment "H".

e. Lockheed, Burbank, California:

(1) Mr. C. L. (Kelly) Johnson presented a planning outline for a life of type (ten-year) support program on the SR-71, OXCART and TAGBOARD programs, assuming no follow-on production of SR-71/F-12 type aircraft.

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